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Christmas Joy will be spread tomorrow afternoon when the seniors entertain the children of Dubuque alumna and of St. Mary's home at a holiday party following the children's operetta. Above, Patricia Hogan, Dubuque, and Rita Pink, Lancaster, Wis., prepare decorations for the activity room of MFCH.

Music Department Presents Program 'As You Like It'

Popular musical favorites of college students are listed for the Musical Comedy Repertoire to be presented at 12:25 on Jan. 14. Sister Mary Matilde, BVM, chairman of the music department, has announced that the program will consist of piano solos and two-piano selections.

Elaine Mraz and Katherine Au-Young will play Victor Herbert favorites. A double-piano number by Patricia Condon and Patricia Conway will be Tea for Two. Marilyn Passow and Jocile Walsh will team up for Intermezzo. Miss Mraz will also team with Jacquelyn Johnson to present Waltz of the Flowers. The haunting semi-classic Deep Purple will be played by Betty Ruff.

Boogie-Woogie Etudes played by Colleen O'Meara, Sally Kelly and Kathleen McSweeney will bring a shift in mood. A piano duo, Bertha Fox and Honore Jones, will follow with Sophisticated Lady.

Geraldine Hanten will conclude the repertoire with On the Trail from the Grand Canyon Suite.

Foreign Film Series Begins After Holidays

The second annual series of foreign movies sponsored by the SLC will begin Jan. 7 with the showing of Mad Queen, a Spanish production based on the life of Queen Johanna, wife of Philip I of Spain. Chairmen of the project are Maureen Sullivan and Elaine Steffensmeier.

Tickets may be purchased for 50 cents each or a season ticket for the four movies may be procured for \$1.50.

Cecilians Entertain Children With Dutch Christmas Operetta

A large windmill, a frosted tulip and 12 dancing Dutch boys and girls will bring the spirit of a Christmas in Holland to Dubuque children this weekend when the Cecilian Circle presents Old Crosspatch, an operetta by Dodge and Dodge.

First showing of the operetta will be at 2:15 this afternoon in Terence Donaghoe hall. Repeat performances will be tomorrow and Sunday at the same time.

Old Crosspatch has for its theme the transformation of a wealthy, miserly old man into a generous Kris Kringle. The title role is played by freshman Colleen O'Meara. Singing solo parts are freshmen Patricia Condon and Mary Virginia Cook.

Patricia Conway, in the character of a Dutch village boy, will entertain the audience with an acrobatic dance. Others in the cast are Jocile Walsh, Dolores McWilliams, Elaine Mraz, Jacquelyn Johnson, Alice Pietrus, Roberta Saigh, Alina Renier, Marilyn Passow, Marcella Gould and Maureen gan.

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Ring Out De Bells!

Clarke and Loras students will ring in the Christmas season for patients at the Dubuque hospitals this evening when the two groups join voices for a night of caroling.

Buses will leave Mary Frances Clarke hall at 6 p.m. and will return in time for the freshman Yuletide Social.

Symbolic Candlelight Ceremony Climaxes Christmas Festivities

In symbolic observance of the advent season Clarkites will participate in a candlelighting ceremony next Thursday evening in the activity room of Mary Frances Clarke hall at 7:30. This year each class will contribute as a family unit.

The singing of the traditional Clarke candlelighting hymn, Light of All the World, will open the ceremony in the drawing room of MFCH.

Reciting the rosary, students and faculty will proceed to the activity room where they will take assigned places around the crib which will be in the center of the hall. Following an explanation of the significance of the evening's ceremony by SLC president Peggy Fox, Sister Mary Crescentia, BVM, dean, will light the faculty candle at the foot of the crib and will give a short greeting to the assembled college family.

Light Advent Wreath
After the singing of the advent antiphon, Alma Redemptoris, the final candle of the Advent wreath will be lighted by Mary Cosgrove, freshman SLC representative, who will lead the prayers for the fourth week of the season. The entire college community will respond with the singing of the official advent hymn, Rorate Coeli.

Ceremonialist for her class will be

Senior Drama Majors Present 'Rumplestiltskin'

Rumplestiltskin, a fairy tale, has been selected as the annual children's production to be presented as the senior drama project Feb. 26-28.

Tryouts for the play will be held Jan. 13 at 7 p.m., according to Barbara Trapp, president of the Clarke College Players.

Staging of the production will be under the direction of Donna Koppi. Beverly Dolphin will be technical director and Barbara Trapp will be business director.

Old Crosspatch becomes a jolly Kris Kringle in the final scene of the children's operetta which opens in Terence Donaghoe hall this afternoon at 2:15. Below, Colleen O'Meara, Dubuque, as the crosspatch, is entertained by Dolores McWilliams, Shullsburg, Wis., and Patricia Conway, Boone, two of the Dutch dancers.

Presidents Light Candles
Traditionally, the class presidents will each light a candle. Freshman Mary Jo Burke will light the candle of joy, sophomore Leonce Vachon the candle of peace, junior Darlene Barnes the candle of love, and senior Mary Murphy the candle of gratitude. Each class will respond to the candlelighting prayer led by its president.

The final candle, that of humility will be lighted by Peggy Fox, SLC president. The entire assembly will answer the prayer.

Juniors Recite Prayer
All candles will be lighted from the flame carried from the sanctuary lamp in Our Lady's chapel by June Kuba, sodality prefect.

The juniors will then recite the prayer from the Roman martyrology commemorating the birth of Christ. All will sing Silent Night, and the seniors will continue the program by reciting the Christmas gospel according to St. Luke. As lights are focused on the crib scene the Rev. Clarence Friedman, chaplain, will lead the prayers for the blessing of the crib.

The ceremony will close with the singing of Adestes Fidelis by the entire student body.

College Hosts Students, Faculty at Xmas Dinner

Sprigs of evergreen, candles and red streamers will create a festive atmosphere in the college dining hall next Tuesday evening for the annual formal Christmas dinner at 6 o'clock.

Honored guests at the dinner will be the Most Rev. Leo Binz, D.D., coadjutor to the archbishop of Dubuque, and priests and lay faculty members. The entire student body will be present.

Servers for the dinner were the guests of the college at a buffet supper Thursday evening at 5 o'clock in the dining hall.



Music program presented by the Clarke College Players and Haberer, Boone, Iowa; and Sandra Buehler, Guam, and Sandra Buehler, Guam.

Marian Year Offers Spiritual Benefits

The year 1954 is a year of opportunity for Catholics. Last Tuesday the Church began the observance of the Marian Year in honor of the centenary of the definition and proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

So that the celebration of the Marian Year, which was announced by the encyclical letter "Fulgens Corona Glorise," may bear more abundant fruit during the centennial, His Holiness Pope Pius XII has granted special spiritual favors which may be gained during the entire Marian Year.

Among these spiritual favors are three which may easily be obtained by Clarke students:

1. A plenary indulgence may be gained by the faithful, after confession and Communion, as often as they visit any church dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff on the opening and closing days of the Marian Year. This same favor is granted on the feasts of the Blessed Virgin's Nativity, Annunciation, Purification, Seven Sorrows and Assumption.

2. A plenary indulgence is also granted to the faithful upon fulfillment of the above conditions as often as they make a pilgrimage in a group to any of these churches on any Saturday of the Marian Year.

3. A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful, fulfilling the above conditions, who devoutly attend any sacred ceremony celebrated in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Thus Our Holy Father once again breaks open the seals on the spiritual treasures of Holy Church and calls upon all to partake of these spiritual awards in penance, in prayer and in sacrifice.

The Marian Year offers the opportunity of a lifetime. Take advantage of it.

In the College Light . . .

Virginia Coogan Sees Holidays, Traditions in Original Settings

We Americans are traditionalists at heart. It is hardly possible for us to imagine Christmas without the crib, the tree, cards, caroling, stockings and Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer. Yet all of these, except for Rudolph, of course, find their origin, not in our own meager tradition, but in the folk customs of other lands and ages.



Miss Coogan

The tree which we dutifully decorate each Christmas eve with that same box of "old favorite" ornaments hauled from their dusty niche is of pagan origin. The early Christians adopted this pagan symbol of vegetation and made it the center of a legend. According to this legend, all the trees in the forest, though covered with snow and ice, blossomed and bore fruit on the night of the Christ Child's birth. This story spread throughout Europe during the Middle Ages, but has since been forgotten. Still, however, in unconscious commemora-

tion of the trees that once bore fruit that mid-winter, we decorate the "ever-green."

From a more recent age and a close neighbor, 19th century England, we have borrowed the custom of sending Christmas cards. Although it is known that simple, homemade cards commemorating the Redeemer's birth were exchanged for many centuries, the practice of sending gay greetings of the "Hall-mark" type is less than a hundred years old. The scotties and snowmen who grin at us their big hello are current additions to the greeting card tradition.

Most of our carols are borrowings from the French and English who seemed to have celebrated Christmas with a great deal of merriment. A group of them would gather together and after eating and drinking would sing their favorites in surrounding neighborhood. It seems these Christmas parties eventually became rather rowdy and so the clergy started the notion of religious rejoicing in song.

Here's What We Think . . . About Santa Claus!

Periodically, a realist states his objections to the Santa Claus myth, maintaining that children should not be told fanciful tales which must later be retracted. To get the Clarke slant on this timely problem we questioned a few students.

CAROL GREEN, senior from New Ulm, Minn., says: I do think children should be told there is a Santa Claus. Half the Christmas spirit evolves from the fact that from Nov. 25 on children are busy writing

letters to and preparing for the arrival of Santa Claus with his reindeer and sleigh. I feel that parents should bring out the true spirit of Christmas by letting the child know about the Infant Jesus, but I also feel that Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without a Santa Claus.

MADONNA McCLIMON, sophomore from Delmar, says: The idea of Santa Claus is rather a neat way of introducing the spirit of Christmas. Granted, it has tended to secularize Christmas somewhat, but children being what they are, need

something obvious before they can begin to grasp the true meaning of Christmas. In other words, it is almost necessary to work from the tangible to the intangible when dealing with children. So let's keep the idea of Santa Claus alive. It's a lot of fun.

ELOISE KAUFMANN, junior from Dubuque, says: In no way does Santa Claus take away from the true spirit of Christmas. In fact it adds to it for Santa itself means saint. When telling the younger set about Santa Claus, the commercialized

one does not have to be stressed, but the Santa of the Christmas spirit should be. So let the children have their Santa Claus. It didn't harm us in any way and it won't harm them either.

PAT BROWNE, senior from Chicago, says: Yes, I think children should be told about Santa Claus, but they should also have an idea of what the real meaning of Christmas is. When children think Santa is coming, it is fun for everyone to see them anxiously awaiting his arrival. To me believing in Santa is just a necessary part of growing up.



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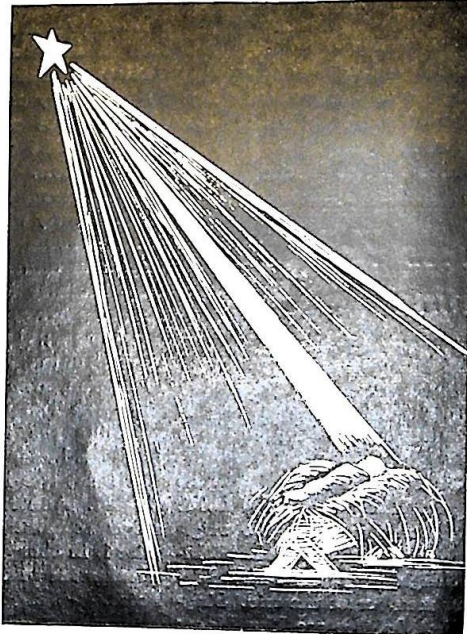
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Christmas! Time To Rejoice

The world is in a mess.

Ask the soldier who has orders to sail Dec. 24. Ask the wide-eyed Korean waif who doesn't know how to smile, or the woman in India who has never once eaten her fill. Ask Stephan Cardinal Mindzenty how life—and the Communists—are treating him. Ask William Oatis. He's a reporter; he'll tell you.



In a wrong-riddled world like this, isn't it selfish of us to hang our trees with golden bangles, and wreath our doors with pine and holly? Carols in the snow, bulging stockings for the youngest generation, a swishing red formal, star-cut cookies, and tinsel-touched boxes—these are frivolous things. Do we have a right to them?

Yes.

Nineteen hundred years ago, there was a stable, and a star, and a Child.

The world was in a mess then, too. The men who traveled, "each to his own town," grumbled about the heavy tax-

es. There were whispers about the cruelty of a king named Herod. Class rivaled class. In Rome, thrill-hungry mobs called for "Panem et circenses," and Augustus sat on an imperial throne already eaten with corruption from within.

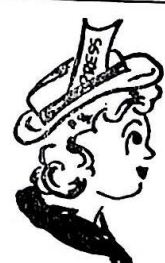
But ragged shepherds crept in from the hills to worship the Child who was Salvation. Camel-mounted magi rode with gifts from the East. Even the angels sang.

For He Who was Light had come into darkness and chaos, and the world had found a cause for joy.

Christmas is a time for celebration.

The lucky child who happens to be the tallest in the house and consequently has the longest stocking to hang near the fireplace will probably be surprised to hear that luck has long been connected with the hanging of stockings near the hearth. The Germans superstitiously believe that shoes or stockings left here would ward off evil spirits. Once, it was told, St. Nicholas dropped a purse filled with gold down the chimney and it landed in some fortunate Dutch boy's sock.

Another religious tradition, that of the crib, began one Christmas during the 13th century when St. Francis built a replica of the Nativity scene in a cave outside an Italian village. Francis made a manger of hay and used a live ox and a donkey in this first crib to make the theologic fact of the beginning of the



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help to spread the true spirit of the Christmas season by sending greeting cards which carry a Christian message.

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Christmas traditions are beautiful traditions. It is only after knowing and understanding their true origin that we can fully appreciate them. Although Americans have taken little part in the creating of the customs we can still love and enjoy their symbolic meanings.

Jesuit To Power of In January
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Jesuit To Discuss Power of Russia In January Lecture

The Rev. Feodor Wilcock, S.J., who worked and suffered with the Russian people for over 10 years, will lecture on "The Iron Curtain and Soviet Power" on Jan. 11 at 8:15 p.m. in Terence Donaghy hall. The lecture is part of the current concert-lecture series sponsored by the Student Leadership Council.

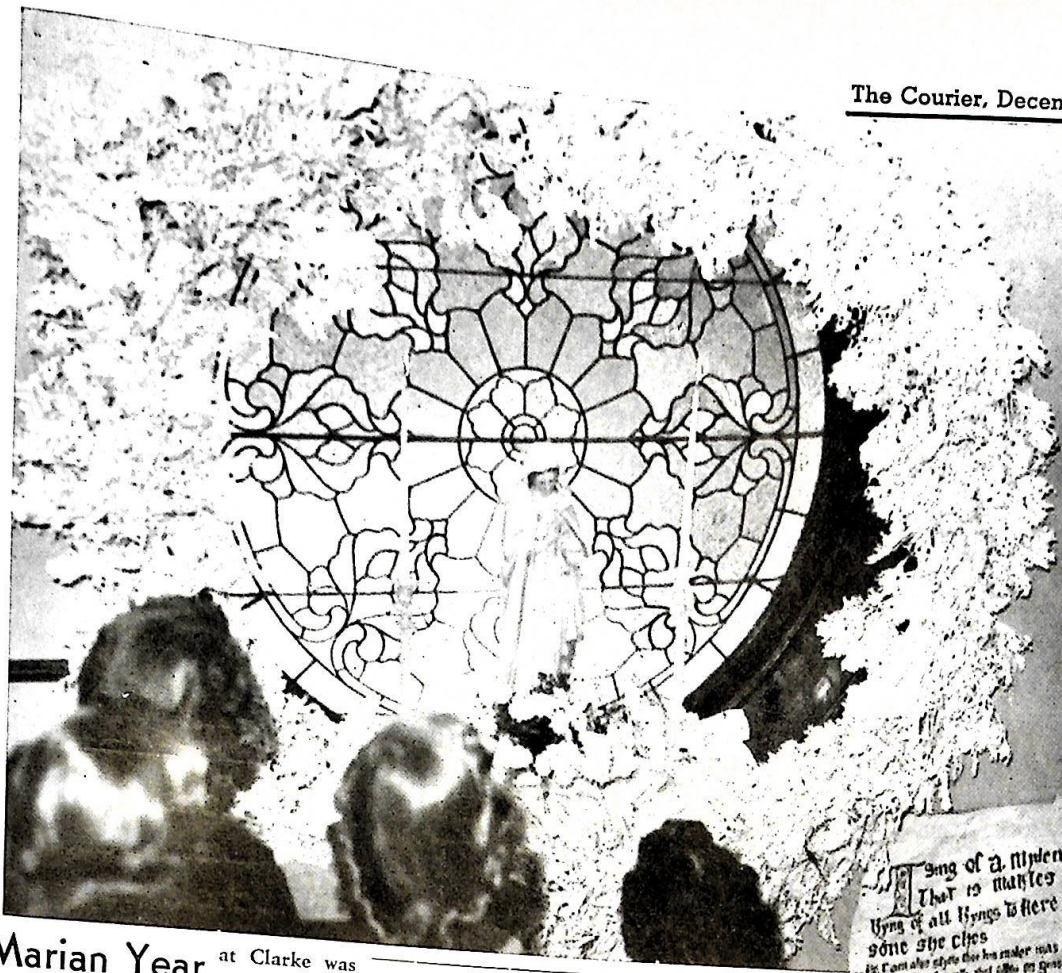
Father Wilcock is the founder and present superior of the United States Russian Center located on the grounds of Fordham university in New York.

An English Jesuit, he was ordained in the Slavo-Byzantine rite and spent a year in Rome as minister of the Russian college. Following this, Father went to Czechoslovakia and Poland to study the work of Russian Catholics.

In 1939 he was made superior of the large Russian-Catholic parish in Shanghai and spent much time with the Russians in Manchuria.

From 1942 to 1945 Father Wilcock was interned in a Japanese prison camp. Later when the Red Chinese armies threatened Shanghai, he evacuated with 2,000 Russian refugees to the Philippines where he remained as director of their camp until his arrival in the United States in 1950.

On the morning following the lecture, Father Wilcock will say Mass in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart in the eastern rite which permits of the reception of Communion under both Species. Booklets explaining the rite will be distributed before Mass.



Marian Year at Clarke was anticipated Monday evening with the traditional pilgrimage to the class shrines. Above, a group of sophomores pray at their shrine in the rose window of Mary Bertrand hall.

Classes Honor Blessed Virgin With Pilgrimages to Shrine

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception was honored by Clarkites last Monday evening with the traditional pilgrimage to class shrines.

The stained-glass window in the main corridor of Eliza Kelly hall was the background for the freshman shrine which was arranged under the chairmanship of Patricia Beatty. Assisting her were Sue Gillespie, Marcella Gould, Mary Anne Walsh, Mary Virginia Cook, Eileen Schmitt and Kathleen Wedig.

For the seventh consecutive year sophomores wreathed the rose window in Mary Bertrand hall in whitened pine to form the framework for their class shrine. Madonna McClimon was chairman of the committee. She was assisted by Linde O'Loan, Patricia Santos, Betty Ormsby, Jane Sorenson, Lois Connelly, Pamela Bowles, Nancy Schmitz, Sue Kelly and Nancy Miller.

The drawing room of Mary Frances Clarke hall was the setting for the blue and white junior shrine which was erected under the direction of Kathryn Wegs. On her committee were Mary Jo Howerter, Kathleen McSweeney, Mary Kenneally and Harriette Kane.

Patricia Pink was in charge of the

Local Clarke Club Entertains Sunday At Christmas Tea

Seniors and faculty members will be guests of Dubuque alumnae Sunday afternoon for the annual Christmas tea sponsored by the Clarke club. Benediction at 3 p.m. in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart will precede the tea which will be held in Mary Frances Clarke hall.

Music at the tea will be furnished by a group of Clarke students with Patricia Condon as soloist.

General chairmen for the tea are Elaine Sisson McGhee, Jeanne Adams Golinvaux and Jane Mitchell Syburg. Bettie Rauch Spaight is in charge of decorations.

Gifts for needy children will be donated at this time by members of the Dubuque Clarke club.

Loras Debaters Settle Problems on Free Trade

"Resolved that the United States should adopt a policy of free trade" was the topic debated by four Loras men at the Dec. 3 meeting of the Social Science club.

Patricia Smith, president of the club, turned the meeting over to Bill O'Meara who acted as chairman for the evening. Speaking for the affirmative were Dick Herkes and Tom Schueller. The negative side was debated by John Jones and Phil Ruggie.

Following the rebuttal speeches there was a short intermission during which the three judges, Elayne Dowd, Lorraine Bodner and Patricia Murphy arrived at a decision in favor of the negative.

Home Ec Club Sponsors Demonstration-Lectures

The home economics club opened the Christmas season Dec. 2 with a demonstration-lecture on holiday biscuits and rolls at their quarterly meeting.

Margaret Drey, president of the club, introduced Miss Hay who represented the wheat flour institute. Following the demonstration door prizes were awarded and refreshments were served.

Miss Hay was also the guest demonstration at the afternoon broadcast from the Clarke Radio Kitchen on Dec. 2 and at a special program for 4-H club members and their mothers on Dec. 5.

senior shrine which was arranged at the altar of the Blessed Virgin in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart. Assisting the chairman were JoAnn Lake, Ann O'Hara and Karen Bender.

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Here Is the Verdict!

by Carol McCauley

The Courier is here to stay! That was the verdict handed to the publication's staff in the all-school poll several weeks ago.

That Clarkites do read their newspaper and read it rather carefully was established by some of the criticisms offered. "Check news for accuracy" and "be more careful when proofreading" were among the remarks that caused the staff to resolve to be more alert when on the job. What do students read first? One half of them say, It Happens Here. News rates next in priority with 40 per cent reading it first. Three per cent of the readers look at the editorial page first while only two per cent prefer sports.

Clarke students don't stop with their favorites, however, as the questionnaire proved. Thirty-eight per cent go on to read the editorials and 60 per cent enjoy In the College Light. There was a slight inconsistency noted on the opinion of the inquiring reporter. While 70 per cent say they like it, only 40 per cent read it.

Only 16 students do not read at least part of every issue of the Courier.

Having been asked to give suggestions for bettering the paper, many Clarkites responded to

the request. To improve the editorial page, 70 per cent asked for a cartoon. In some cases this request was modified by "only if it's original." Other ideas for improving this page include "liven it up somehow" and "write more controversial editorials and editorials dealing with current student problems."

Many calls for more student opinion and gossip columns came into the office. Through the inquiring reporter the staff is trying to incorporate student opinion into the paper. According to journalistic hoyle, however, gossip is taboo!

Most disheartening answers were those given to the question, "Have you ever written a letter to the editor, and if not, why not?" Exactly three students have written letters. Excuses for not doing so ranged from "never thought of it" and "no time" to "I didn't think it would be printed."

On the whole, however, in spite of criticisms, the paper merited an A from the readers' grade-books. Nicest of the commendations and one of the most frequent granted the Courier was, "It's a wonderful paper—keep up the good work." Jubilantly was it received.

Thus stands the verdict!

—as marie petrone sees it . . .

it happens here

still giving thanks . . .

for her Thanksgiving dinner with her dad is Grace Stenz. Grace travelled to Detroit to meet her seafaring father at a relative's home, but lost the address. After spending the night at the railroad station phoning half the names in the telephone directory, Grace had plenty to be thankful for when she and her dad finally got together—late Thanksgiving morning.

another near loss . . .

but this time to Clarke occurred when students returning from vacation boarded buses for school. "Anyone want to go to Loras?" called the driver of the Clarke-bound vehicle in a last minute check. "I would!" came an enthusiastic voice from the rear. But its owner remained seated, so Peggy Fox is still with us.

"all shook up" . . .

during a recent apologetics class was Father Friedman, who told seniors to discuss a certain problem outside of class "in a bull session or something," then noticed an undertone of giggles. "Excuse me—I mean a hen session," Father apologized. "I guess I'm not fully orientated yet!"

but the crazy, mixed up kid . . .

of the month is Benny Coogan, who strolled casually (and unthinkingly) past the chapel and found herself genuflecting in front of the dean's office.

a little sugar, no spice . . .

but lots of cream is what Elayne Dowd wanted, while having dinner out recently, so she ordered a cup of "Boston" coffee. "I'm sorry, Miss," said the perplexed waitress. "We only have one kind of coffee in the restaurant."

of all the movie magic . . .

and the Cinemascope wonders we've heard students discuss after seeing *The Robe*, we think the biggest wonder of all was viewing so many "Romans" with such big vaccination marks!

which twin has the diamond . . .

is the question Clarkites are using these days to tell which of our troublesome twosomes is which. During the Thanksgiving holidays Jackie Johnson followed Lyndall Bodner's lead into the diamond circle. Jackie's new fiance, Garold Hildreth, is a recent ex-navy man.

store dummies may be dumb . . .

but the one Mickey McMahon's roommates dragged into their room caused a great deal of noise one night. But then, who could blame poor Mickey for screaming when she found a "dead stranger" in her bed?

history in the making . . .

was viewed by yours truly while practice teaching journalism at Senior high. We had just asked students to give a topic for a possible historical feature for their school paper, when one brave girl broke the silence. "The teachers?" she suggested.

knocked over and out . . .

was the lamp on Dolores Doffing's dresser, so Dolores took it downtown to have it fixed. After taking the whole thing apart, the repair man finally located the source of the trouble. Calmly, he billed Dolores for 19 cents, the price of a new light bulb to replace the one that had burned out.

putting their best feet forward . . .

Janet Lucy and Pat Murphy collected and cleaned over 90 pairs of shoes last Saturday for their SLC project. Secret behind their success? Pick-up and delivery service plus "cut rate for faculty."

in a sticky situation . . .

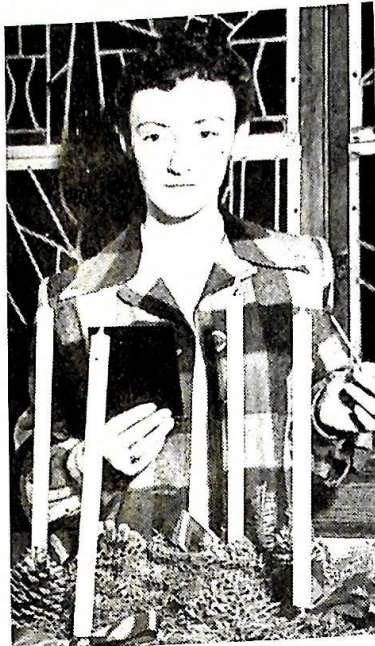
was Roni Silverstrand, while making fudge in the home ec department. Time came to pour the cooking candy into a dish, and Roni found she'd misplaced the latter. Half an hour later, she finished scraping the hardened fudge out of its pan.

if something new is added . . .

it becomes (according to metaphysicians) an object's perfections, so Father Lang asked senior philosophers if dieting isn't silly. Champion of the negative answers was Bev Dolphin, who stoutly maintained that "The presence of weight is a lack of beauty." "Oh?" Connie Locher interrupted. "And what about a skinny elephant?"

Winter Sports

made the headlines with the first winter snow. Ready for a toboggan ride down Bunker Hill are Nick Paelella, Chicago; Joan Bartels, Hubbard, Nebr.; Joe Mayer, Waterloo, and Joan Kramer, Waterloo. Paelella and Mayer are Loras college students.



President Mary Jo Burke, newly elected leader of the freshman class, lights the candles on the college advent wreath and leads the prayers. The candles have been lighted on successive Mondays during advent by the class presidents.

Freshmen Elect Burke To Lead Class Activities

Mary Jo Burke, freshman from Davenport, was elected president of her class at a recent meeting. She had previously served as chairman of the freshman board which had been chosen to direct class activities until election time.

A graduate of Immaculate Conception Academy, Davenport, Miss Burke was active in dramatics in high school and was president of the Cameo Players at ICA.

Mary Therese Cosgrove, Dubuque, was elected freshman representative on the Student Affairs Forum. Miss Cosgrove, a home economics major, is a graduate of the Immaculate Conception academy in Dubuque where she served as treasurer of the senior class.

Cecilian Circle Presents Recording of 'Amahl'

For their second opera production this year the Cecilian Circle will present *Amahl and the Night Visitors* by Gian-Carlo Menotti. Listening time is 8 o'clock Monday evening in the drawing room of MFCH.

The recording which the Cecilian Circle will use has the original cast of the opera which was given its world premiere by the NBC Television Theater on Christmas Eve, 1951. *Amahl and the Night Visitors* is the first opera commissioned especially for television.

Story of the opera centers around Amahl, a crippled boy who lives with his mother, an impoverished widow. When the three wise men stop at their home on their way to Bethlehem Amahl is miraculously cured of his lameness. In gratitude he follows the kings to adore the Christ Child.

Team Captains Add Up Hopes For Winning Basketball Cup

by Mary Ann Kane

To start the ball rolling in 1954; the basketball tournament will be held Jan. 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the gym of Terence Donaghoe hall. The contest will be close this year as each of the well-balanced teams fights for victory.

Defending their title, the sophomores will come onto the floor handicapped. They have lost two first string forwards, Joselyn Halbach and Eleanor Lynch, who rallied in the final few seconds of last year's game to win the cup for their class. However, captain Tizzy Kane is relying on Madonna McClimon (captain of last year's all star team) and Carma Manderscheid to fill the baskets.

Other veterans backing the team are Jeannine Wadoz, Sue Kelly, Lois Connelly and Beverly Wakeen. New prospects are Rita Klemm and Pat Hyde.

Juniors-Seniors Experienced Heading the experienced junior-senior team will be Sally McCauley, Be-

nita Kane and Marilyn Fifield at the forward spots. Alternating in guard positions will be Mary McGinty, Joy Conlon, Kathy McSweeney, Barbara Trapp and Imelda Schuster.

Sally McCauley, captain for the two-class squad, reports that more girls than ever will be trying out for the team. Newcomers include Janice Meyers, Grace Stenz, Carol Connelly, Carol McCauley and Carol Petersen.

Bright Outlook for Frosh

The outlook for the freshman team is bright. Though the girls lack experience as a team, they may capitalize on their height and on the experience of such players as Corrine Lenz and Pat Condon who have played together throughout high school. Other possible team members, according to captain Choly Halphen, are Maureen Cain, Carol Powers, Evie McElroy and Mary Kay Stemlar.

Admissions Office Lists Exam Dates For Scholarships

Dates for examinations to determine winners of honor tuition scholarships to Clarke have been announced by Miss Nancy Calkins, director of admissions. High school seniors are eligible to compete.

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of attainment in the College Entrance Board Examination to be given Jan. 9, Mar. 13 and May 22 in key cities throughout the United States and foreign countries.

Take Six-Hour Tests

Conducted by the Educational Testing service of Princeton, N.J., the examinations are six hours in length and consist of a scholastic aptitude test and achievement tests in English composition, social studies and mathematics or a selected science.

In addition to the honor tuition scholarships, high school seniors may apply for awards in fine arts. Examinations in the fields of art, drama, piano, voice, violin and orchestral instruments will be arranged by faculty members in the fine arts departments.

Fine arts scholarships are not awarded on a competitive basis. Students must give evidence of outstanding talent and must satisfactorily pass the scholarship test.

Financial Aid Available

"Clarke college does not grant a specific number of tuition or fine arts scholarships," Miss Calkins commented. "Financial assistance is given to students who need it, who are recommended by their school and who achieve a high norm in the scholarship tests."

Further information about Clarke's scholarship program may be obtained from the admissions office.

Frosh Entertain Tonight At Yuletide Social

Sun Valley Serenade, a movie starring Sonja Heine, will be the main attraction at the yuletide social to be sponsored by the freshman class this evening.

After the movie in the assembly hall refreshments will be served in the activity room. Caroling will also be a part of the social.

Patricia Tuohy and Marilyn Weidert are co-chairmen of the party. Arrangements for the movie were made by Mary Jo Fitzgerald and Theresa Lamfalusi. The ticket committee is headed by Dolores Doffing, the refreshment committee by Lillian Weigly and the entertainment committee by Sandra Burdorfer.

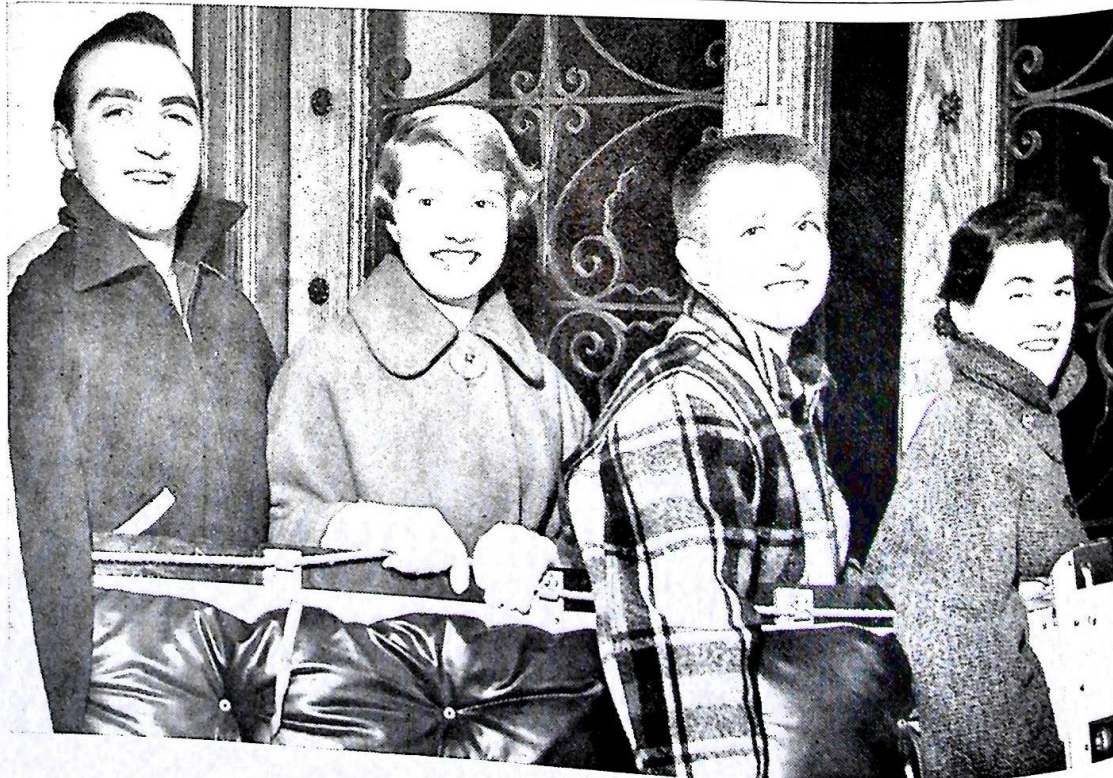
Wanda Funk and Katherine Young are in charge of publicity.

S.M. Howard Attends Installation at Catholic U

Sister Mary Howard, BVM, faculty member on leave for graduate study at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., represented Clarke at the installation of the new rector of Catholic University of Nov. 19. The ceremony also included the awarding of an honorary degree to Dwight D. Eisenhower, president of the United States.

Margaret Rose Pohlman, national president of the Clarke Alumnae association, was Clarke's representative at the inauguration of Dr. Gaylord M. Couchman as the new president of the University of Dubuque.

Clarke delegate at the centennial celebration of Duquesne university in Pittsburgh, Pa., was alumna Esther Chesire of Pittsburgh.



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Students and faculty

Sister Mary Aloysius

has served as president

of the college

since 1929, has been

of the college

graduate of Marquette

Sister Mary Joseph

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